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Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1868.

Mr. Evarts began promptly on the opening of the Senate this morning, and showed no disposition of weariness from the first. His speech of to-day has produced less impression than upon any of the previous days. The principal portion was devoted to a discussion of the President's right to remove Mr. Stanton. After a brief review of the evidence in the case, Mr. Evarts closed with a proposition which was heard with earnest attention by all present. But fine as it was a great sense of relief was manifested on all sides when it become dominally known that his four days' effort was at an end. He occupied the time three hours, when a short recess was had, and at the close Mr. Stanbery appeared at the counsel table.

Senator Sumner went forward, and put him very cordially, as did some others who noticed his entrance. He showed the marks of disease very plainly, and when he began to speak his weakness was very apparent. He undertook the task against the advice of his physicians. It was with great difficulty that many of his audience could be made out in the gallery, and after speaking for a short time, he was obliged to intimate that an adjournment would be agreeable. It is supposed that he will finish to-morrow.

For the last two days the subject of the alleged letter of four managers and other members of the House to the President upon the Alta Vela case have caused almost as much talk as impeachment itself. The President first through Mr. Nelson attempted to fix the imputation upon the managers that after the articles of impeachment had passed, they had attempted to influence him in favor of certain elements. Afterwards the Democratic members of the House took it up, and made various unfounded charges which have been wildly circulated, and were calculated to place the managers in an awkward position. After the House returned to its Chamber to-day at adjournment of the Senate, under previous understanding the question of investigating the matter came up upon a resolution of Mr. Rosskie, of New York, to appoint a select committee to investigate the whole subject. The task was to either place the Republicans in a position of bringing some of their own managers through committees, or refusing to have the charges made looked into. Messrs. Brooks, Marshall, Eldridge and Chanler all made speeches to the effect that the managers had compromised themselves and the House in the matter, and that the dignity of the House demanded an investigation. The House at the close of the speeches, refused to second the demand of Mr. Rosskie for the previous question, and thus interested in the charges caused the opportunity to explain.

Messrs. Higby, of California, Ashley, of Ohio, and Anderson, of Missouri, had each in turn compelled Mr. Brooks to disclose points of his argument, when he was seeking forth the great importance of the matter, and the position addressing the President, to acknowledge that the letter in question was not addressed to the President at all, but to Colonel Stauffer, a friend of General Butler's. The defense was very spirited and much said that was very pointed and of a very personal character. Messrs. Logan, Butler and Garfield each in turn made statements which wholly took away any foundation for the charge that any of the managers whose names were on the letter had the least idea that the paper they were signing was to go to the President. Mr. Butler stated that he had given a legal opinion to Col. Stauffer as a friend only, that Mr. Logan had signed it and then Mr. Garfield, and that then the son of Judge Black had taken the paper to the President. The whole matter of Mr. Black to get some more members of Congress on it to stiffen him up against Seward, as the New York friends of the latter were interested, and Seward would do nothing in the case. Young Black came to the House, and obtained some other names, and as soon as the President got them he published the letter in a New York paper, in accordance with his usual treatment of letters.

How young Black got the signatures of the managers and others Gen. Garfield explained. Mr. Black turned the paper over to him, and he (Garfield) took it to Mr. Bingham, told him it was a legal opinion of Mr. Butler's regarding the rights of certain American citizens to an island, and Mr. Bingham, after asking if it was all right, signed it. Mr. Garfield then took the paper to Mr. Stevens and told him the same thing. Stevens said he knew Seward had acted the rascal in that matter, and he signed it willingly. Mr. Blaine did the same, and so of the other members, not one of them knowing or supposing that the paper was going to the President. The whole thing is a clear case of attempting to make political capital against impeachment. It also came out that Mr. Nelson himself had taken part in this same matter and given the President substantially the same opinion as that in Butler's letter to Col. Stauffer.

As part of Gen. Garfield's explanation he read the following letter from Judge Black:

YORK, April 25, 1868.

My Dear Sir—The newspapers talk wisely about the retirement from the impeachment case. Some of them pretend to know that I have been engaged in the management of an ill-used gentleman, because I am not shutting him before the Senate. Mr. Nelson said very absurd things in his speech the other day. What he meant by saying that the counsel at least that some of the Radicals in Congress had a malicious purpose in expressing their opinion that justice ought to be done to the accused of Alta Vela, I would not be willing to say, though Judge Busteed, of the United States Court, had been a week at Auburn corpse in the case. The trial commences at Selma, Ala., to-day.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Cleveland Woolen Mill, at Poughkeepsie, has stopped work, owing to the strike of the weavers, for wages, against ten per cent. reduction in wages.

The California Democratic State Convention was in session on Thursday. The delegates to the National Convention have been elected, representing both wings of the party. Assell will be renominated for Congress. Among the National delegates is Ex-Governor John Big or.

A fire at East Berkshire, Vt., on the night of the 26th, destroyed Sherwood's Hotel, the Episcopal church, several stores and dwellings, including all the business portion of the city.

During an altercation at Dilliwyn, Va., between David Mark and Quinsy Kinney, the latter was shot dead by a son of the former. There was a long standing feud between the families. The boy was arrested.

In the prize fight at Bungers, Mass., yesterday, between George Chase and Mike O'Brien, the latter was awarded the victory in consequence of a foul blow.

Robert Seaman, of Montreal, has been convicted of procuring abortion, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

The steamship Colorado sailed for Panama on Thursday, carrying Hon. Anson Burlingame and the Chinese Embassy. There were aboard fifteen hundred and eighty-six passengers. Also, six hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars in treasure—gold and silver. A very large crowd attended to see the Embassy off. Salutes were fired from the harbor fortifications.

Telegrams from Atlanta say that most of the Democrats elected to the Georgia Legislature are ex-rebels, and extinct, in any instance, but the last ditch. The Constitution has been ratified by 30,000 majority, and the Republican State ticket is chosen by a similar majority.

The steamer Baltic sailed for Boston from Baltimore yesterday with a full cargo and two hundred passengers. The Baltimore was to have Boston yesterday for Baltimore.

Judge Sharswood having withdrawn from his professorship in the law department of the Pennsylvania University, he was on Thursday evening presented with a service of plate by the faculty and law students of that institution.

Advices from the City of Mexico are to the 20th of April. Congress had finally passed a condemnation on the concession to the English company for the building of the Vera Cruz and Mexico City Railway. The rebellion of General Negrete was still unsuppressed. It was reported that he was raising troops in the North. Canales was reported as about to make a pronunciamento with Negrete. The whereabouts of the trouble in Sinaloa, by the national authorities, is not expected to be permanent. Several officers have been arrested, among whom was Cacalote, a General of Brigade. The United States army Minister Romero was about to publish a printed letter of General Banks, as also some private official documents connected with the State Department. It is reported that Juarez has refused to be interviewed. A communication from Gen. J. G. Ortega, dated in prison at Monterey, and signed as President of caverns, has been published. He regrets the publication and complains of his treatment. The communication was at first discussed in secret, and afterwards in open session of Congress, after which it was decided to take no further action. Ortega, who at once stabbed the document, Congress has passed an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars for the payment of the foreign claims. The bill was signed by the Commission of Claims, and thirty thousand for Spanish bonds. The expert duty on silver is hereafter to be paid at the ports of shipment. Four conductors of specie annually to Tampico have been authorized.

John V. Kendall, sentenced in October last to a fine of $4,000 and imprisonment in the Baltimore jail for one year, for carrying on a distillery without permit, has been pardoned by the President.

John Brooks, a well known bird and snake fancier, died in Baltimore on Thursday from the bite of a rattlesnake.

The Waco, Texas, *Examiner* of the 28th ult., reports the killing of six persons in that county in one day.

Gen. Meade has issued an order convening a board of officers at Atlanta, Ga., on the 6th inst., to count the returns of the election and report the names of officers elected to the Commanding General.

E. L. Davenport, the tragedian, sailed yesterday for California.

General Meade has declined to stop the trial by military commission of Mr. Rambaji, editor of the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) *Monitor*, for an editorial which, although Judge Busteed, of the United States Court, had heard a week of before corpse in the case. The trial commences at Selma, Ala., to-day.

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directly or indirectly, either verbally or in writing.

After reviewing the case at some length, Mr. Black asserts that Mr. Seward made a false statement to him in writing, concerning the conclusions the President had reached, and that when the deception was exposed the President ordered the written exposure of it to be put on record. Upon this Mr. Black makes the following comment:

"It is impossible to understand how you could stoop one night without knowing the perpetrator of this scurvy trick out of office."

After detailing the position assumed by Mr. Seward in the paper used to deceive, Mr. Black continues:

He cleverly has since been trying to maintain himself by this dis-reputable artifice by representing that no man or average understanding can listen to without disgust. Mr. President, you have never seemed to think this was wrong. You know the facts, but they have apparently made no impression on your mind. I cannot doubt. I must insist that you remember them more carefully, and test the conduct of your Secretary, not by his notion of higher law, which means anything to promote his interests and gratify his partisans, but by the law of the land.

Next follows a long review of what is called Seward's historical research concerning with the case, and in summing up the matter on that part, the letter proceeds:

"There is no doubt about the law, Mr. President. The only question is whether Mr. Seward can persuade you to withdraw enough to acknowledge it. An American Secretary of state ought to know at least the elementary principles of that science which applies to the every day business of his office. It is a principle as old as the law of agency, that the act of it is a blunder or a fraud. If the result of such an investigation shall satisfy you that he knows no better, you will, of course, immediately correct your own error and his assistance. If you have reason to believe that he has wilfully misled you into the commission of a great wrong, you will know how to deal with him, but in either case you should send him packing to his office."

Above are the portions of the letter personal either to the managers and members of the House who signed the Butler opinion, to the President or to Mr. Seward. The rest is taken up with a statement of the facts in the case and the laws of nations and of this country applicable to it.

To Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1868.

SENATE.

The Court reassembled at the usual hour.

Mr. Evarts continued his argument. He commenced with an apology for having so long occupied the time of the Court, and for having to ask for still further indulgence but a single hour. He had intended to close his argument last evening, but was prevented by the lateness of the hour. He had intended to have concluded under the head of facts the discussion of the question of the power of the President to remove Secretaries, but he would now only say that he had always maintained the power to be in the President, and that the Senate had no power to interfere with the exercise of it, except in the case of Stanton, the only case in which the Senate has undertaken to interfere with the exercise of the power. He had always maintained that the power to remove was incident to the power to appoint, and that the Senate had no power to interfere with the exercise of the power of removal, for he cannot put the man of his choice in office, but he can keep him out. He had maintained the right of choice existed under such circumstances to be exercised at will without the question of the appointing power, and the one necessity implies the other. He would have more to say on the subject when he came to consider the question raised by the President's counsel, that the President could only be removed by impeachment. He would only say in that connection that the opinion of Judge Curtis, which was cited by the President's counsel, was qualified by him-self. It therein declared that the President had a right to remove, but that he could only do so by appointing laws, which laws he must first have repealed. At all the period Mr. Stanbery rested until to-morrow, when he would continue his argument.

[The following is a synopsis of the concluding portion of Mr. Stanbery's remarks, which will be delivered to-day.—Ed. Com.]

Mr. Stanbery said he was aware that if it be held that a question did come within the purview of the tenure-of-office act, he expressly resigned in the articles or was not in the power of the President to issue an order for the removal of the charge. The treasury department was not in the executive department at all, and that there has been at no time any question in the executive department as to the power of the President to remove the Secretary of the Treasury. The power was conferred by the act of 1789, and that power has been at no time any question in the executive department. The act contains provisions of law

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CROP AND FREIT PROSPECT.

Our friends everywhere will confer a favor by writing us briefly concerning the grain and fruit prospect, and the farming and business prospect generally. We shall be obliged for any item of local interest that may be within their knowledge.

THE DISRAELI Ministry have suffered another defeat on the English Church question in Ireland, the vote on the first disendowment resolution having been carried by sixty-four majority, whereupon the Premier said the Ministry would take time to determine on their course. Backed as they are by the Queen, who takes a deep interest in the question, their resignation is hardly probable.

IT is not unlikely that the Democratic National Convention will meet at an earlier day than the Fourth of July, the demand for the change having been put forward by the Manhattan Club, New York. It should be noticed that this Club, which is an influential organization in the party, is openly opposed to PENDLETON and favorable to HANCOCK or HOADLEY, and it is in this interest that the change, if there is one, will be made. It is evident that PENDLETON's opponents have taken the alarm; and for good reasons, if his strength is not greatly exaggerated. It is even said that he holds the nomination in his hand, and that it is not in the power of HOADLEY & Co. to give it to another, by changing the time of meeting or any other manœuvre.

THE Cabinet makers appear to be at work as though there could be no doubt whatever about the result of the trial. The New York *Sun*, quizzically, says Mr. GUTHRIE has been offered any place he may select in the WADE Cabinet, and that "it is reasonable to suppose that he will prefer that of Secretary of State," because to succeed Mr. SEWARD, just at this juncture, "would be a second too great to be rejected." Rumor rather more in accordance with probability than usual, has assigned Mr. GUTHRIE to the Postoffice Department, and we presume that if there is a new Cabinet, and he a part of it, that will be his place. Senator MORGAN, of New York, and Captain WADE, the extensive manufacturer of Detroit, are suggested for the Treasury; but concerning this and the other positions, the rumors are altogether unsubstantial—and necessarily so, considering the circumstances in which Mr. WADE is placed. There is a class of men who are natural Cabinet makers, also with the equally natural Cabinet seekers, contrive to keep busy, though, as yet, there is no certainty that they need do anything.

THE FORT WAYNE, THE CONNELLSVILLE AND ALLEGHENY VALLEY ROADS.

In contemplating the capabilities and the magnificent future of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, as forming the link which is to connect the grand system of railways diverging from Chicago to the Northwest, to Omaha and the Pacific, and the intermediate regions north of the Pacific road, with the three great lines which will diverge from Pittsburgh to the seaboard, we cannot fail to recognize the fact that its connections at Crestline give it the further advantage of a direct route to St. Louis equal, if not superior, to any other between Pittsburgh and that city. That the managers will consent to throw away the commanding position which their great road now occupies, either by permitting the enforcement of an *ex parte* contract long ago legally dead, or by any new "entangling alliance" with the great monopoly, is a contingency not to be thought of. The Pennsylvania Company has balked and cussed at will long enough. Pittsburgh, however, and this is what we proposed to set forth in the present article, is in no manner dependent on the Fort Wayne for her Eastern connections. The Connellsville and Allegheny Valley roads will be rapidly completed, and either separately or together have abundant resources to make them remunerative. The one leading to Baltimore and Washington, the other to New York and Philadelphia, they are in no sense rivals for the business between Pittsburgh and their respective seaboard points. For resources in the product of mines and forests, they are unexcelled. By means of the Allegheny Valley and Connellsville roads, Baltimore will become a great shipping point for petroleum and its products, and both roads will derive their due proportion of profits in the transportation. It places Baltimore nearer to Oil City than Philadelphia is by any existing route.

Of the two roads the Allegheny Valley is perhaps the more important, combining in itself every necessary element to absolute success. The construction of less than one hundred miles will place it in connection with the Philadelphia and Erie Road, which is bound by its charter to carry the traffic of the Allegheny Valley Railroad at the lowest rates per mile given to through traffic. The connection thus formed will be simple and effective to reach Philadelphia and New York, until a better one is made via the New Jersey Central and the Reading Roads—when it will remain as a valuable supplementary route. At Franklin a bridge only is needed to connect the Allegheny Valley with the Atlantic and Great Western Road and with the Jamestown and Franklin, thus making it the best Eastern and only Southern outlet for the roads named. At Oil City a bridge will connect it with the Oil Creek Railroad and the Franklin and Warren Railroad, both of which, like the Jamestown and Franklin, are dependent on the Allegheny Valley Road for a Southern outlet.

Brookville on the Allegheny Valley road, thirty-three miles east of Mahoning, was one of the points on the proposed extension of the Atlantic and Great Western road. By means of the Allegheny Valley Road, the object of a connection with the Catawissa and Reading will be effected by merely building a bridge at Franklin. The Allegheny Valley road has clearly the control of the oil carrying trade. Those lastthe crude oil through to Pittsburgh is consumed by refineries located on the line, and more than three-fourths of all the refined oils carried eastward over the Pennsylvania road pass for over some part of the Allegheny Valley thereof. Nothing can interfere with these advantages short of the construction of an opposition road at a cost of seven or eight millions of dollars. That the Pennsylvania Central Company is surveying already a rival parallel route is strong corroborative proof of the commanding importance of the one already made. President PEASLEE is of the opinion that there will be business enough for both roads.

An important feature of the line is its extremely low gradients. From the oil regions to Pittsburgh the grade is generally level or descending only 2½ feet to the mile. Between Pittsburgh and the junction with the Philadelphia and Erie road, there is no grade over 26½ feet to the mile.

A comparison of the several routes passing the Alleghany Mountains—shown maximum grades on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - - - - - - 116 ft p mile.
Do. on Penn's Central Road, 95 " "
Do. on Pitts'gh & Conn'ville, 80 " "
Do. on Allegheny Valley, 26½ " "

Railroad men will at once understand from these figures the extraordinary advantage possessed by the line for the cheap transportation of freight. Mr. THOMPSON, the able President of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, and his shrewd assistants in the management, indicated their appreciation of the fact in the company's last report by recommending the construction of a branch road, via this route on account of the low grades which it affords.

When the Ohio river shall be properly improved, the Allegheny Valley route will be in point of fact the extension of its cheap line of transportation to the Susquehanna and tide water.

CRUELTY TO PRISONERS.

The suicide of young MCLANE, in the Auburn State prison, who is alleged to have been made a maniac in consequence of torture inflicted for refusing to take food prescribed by the physician, is exciting considerable newspaper comment. Acts of barbarity in our prisons have been so frequently revealed of late, as to lead to the belief that the practice of inflicting unnecessary and brutal punishment upon prisoners is quite too common. Those humane and benevolent persons who have done so much for the prevention of cruelty to animals, should turn their attention to the treatment of State prisoners throughout the country. When society, through its laws, deprives a citizen of his liberty, it should not leave him at the mercy of his keeper. The penitentiary convict is as helpless to defend himself from the abuse of his keeper as a horse, because he has no alternative but to submit, and can appeal to no one for redress. The law is defective in this respect, and the regulations of our prisons should be so modified as to guarantee prompt revelation of every act of cruelty practiced. This might be accomplished through the aid of Prison Societies, who, under sanction of law, could communicate with the inmates in regard to their treatment, hear their complaints, and order an investigation whenever the facts might seem to justify it. How horrible the thought that a young man, for the trivial offense of refusing to eat a certain article of food, should be tortured so as to deprive him of reason, and drive him to self murder! This would be horrible enough for savages, and yet the cruelty was practiced, under color of law, in the enlightened and Christianized State of New York. Surely humanity and religion demand a reform in this regard.

[illegible] Railroad Company, to be issued in exchange for the Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad, when surrendered, in accordance with the provisions of the Mortgage executed by said Company to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, dated the first day of January, A. D. 1868, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds, in and for the County of Allegheny, in the State of Pennsylvania, in Mortgage Book Volume [illegible], page [illegible], &c.

The Bonds are issued in denominations of one hundred dollars each, and with a coupon attached for the payment of the interest, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, on the first days of January and July in each year, at the office of the Company in Philadelphia, or at the office of the Company in the City of New York, free of all taxes. The principal of the Bonds is payable on the first day of January, A. D. 1910, at the office of the Company in Philadelphia, or at the office of the Company in the City of New York, at the option of the holder.

The Bonds and Coupons are exempt from all taxes levied by the State of Pennsylvania, or by any municipal corporation within the State, and are receivable at par in payment of all debts due to the Company.

The Bonds are issued under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to authorize railroad companies to issue bonds in exchange for the bonds of other railroad companies," approved the 29th day of March, A. D. 1867, and the Supplement thereto, approved the 1st day of April, A. D. 1868.

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THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

Argument of Hon. Thomas Williams.

The argument of Manager Williams, in reply, comprehensive and exhaustive, is summed up by our office on the occasion. Like all of the great efforts of that gentleman, it is very long, and we have space for only the conclusion, wherein is lastly and bravely announced the doctrine that "the salvation of the people, which is the supreme law," is the only rule to govern in this case. When, a short time since, we said this was the correct ground on which to decide the case, some of our contemporaries professed to be shocked. We invite them and all our readers to carefully peruse the concluding portion of Mr. Williams's argument, wherein this position is elaborated. It is as follows:

And now, a few words only upon the general question of intent itself, which has been made to figure so largely in this cause, under the character of the anticipated easement in regard to it. I do not look upon the averments as at all material, and if not material, they are, as every lawyer knows, but mere surplusage which never vitiates, and it is never necessary to prove. I do not recall as a criminal lawyer, but there is no professional man, I think, who cannot call to mind cases of this kind, under which, something more, perhaps by way of abundant caution, than even the technical charge of the criminal pleader. I do not know that on such it is charged in close relation of a law forbidding it, and especially if in reverse the case of a public officer, that it was more necessary to say in that law itself with the intention to violate it, than to say that he was not ignorant of the law, which every man is bound to know. Nor do I recall, as a criminal lawyer, a case, which is a necessary inference if the law is to be observed and the intention punished; and the party committing it is responsible for all the consequences, whether he intended them or not. It makes no difference about the motive, for whatever the motive for the doing of a thing which is illegal, although without any corrupt motive, is malfeasance, (2 Cowen & Hill, Supp., 454.) So when the President is solemnly arraigned to answer here to the charge that he has betrayed the Constitution, duties of the commands, or violated any of the provisions of the statutes of office act, or any other law, he cannot plead either that he did it ignorantly or by mistake, because ignorance of the law cannot be pleaded in excuse

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